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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS' HEADQUARTERS, HOMES BOMBED

1. AT ABOUT 2330 MAY 8, THREE BOMBS EXPLODED AT DCG PARTY HEADQUARTERS IN ZONE 1, HOME OF DCG LEADER RENE DE LEON SCHLOTTER IN ZONE 14(BOTH IN GUATEMALA CITY), AND HOME OF DCG SECRETARY-GENERAL DANILO BARILLAS IN SUBURBAN MIXCO. ALL THREE LOCATIONS OCCUPIED AT TIME OF EXPLOSIONS, BUT NO PERSONAL INJURIES CAUSED. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS MODERATE.

2. OVER LAST WEEK DCG LEADERS HAVE DENOUNCED TO PRESS THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATS FROM THE ESCUADRON DE LA MUERTE WARNING THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN 48 HOURS. AFTER BOMBINGS, DCG ISSUED STATEMENT LAMENTING "STUPID AND IRRATIONAL" FORM IN WHICH THEY ARE ATTACKED AND DECLARING ITS "UNSHAKABLE DETERMINATION" TO CONTINUE FIGHTING TO PREVENT SONSUMMATION OF THE FRAUD OF MARCH 3.

3. MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT ROBERTO HERRERA IBARGUEN ASSERTED IN STATEMENT TO PRESS THAT BOMBINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BY OPPOSITION FRONT AS PART OF PLAN TO CREATE DISORDER AND INTERRUPT TRANSFER OF POWER ON
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4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON WHO CARRIED
OUT BOMBINGS. HERRERA'S STATEMENT BLAMING OPPOSITION
FRONT PARALLELS SIMILAR GOG STATEMENTS MADE AFTER
ASSASSINATIONS OF GUERRA TEILHEIMER AND MONTERROSO
ARMAS WHICH FALSELY BLAMED OPPOSITION. END COMMENT.
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